**Adverse impact on environment and health due to pollution**

2125. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that phenomenal growth of industries in non-conforming areas in Delhi has led to a severe adverse impact on the environment of Delhi and health of the residents;

(b) if so, whether air pollution is responsible for the emergency hospitalisation of patients with breathing and heart problems; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or are taking to save people from adverse impact of pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) According to the Central Pollution Control Board, the ambient levels of Sulfur Dioxide and Oxides of Nitrogen are well within the prescribed norms on annual average basis except particulates in the residential areas of Delhi. The study entitled "Outdoor Air Pollution and Emergency Room Visits at a Hospital in Delhi" carried out by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, indicates manifestations of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. However, due to various confounding factors, no conclusive data could be established indicating corelationship between air pollution and consequential health impacts.

(c) The steps taken for control of environmental pollution include formulation of Comprehensive Policy for Abatement of Pollution, supply of improved auto-fuel, tightening of vehicular and industrial emission norms, mandatory environmental clearance for specified industries, management of municipal & bio-medical wastes, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening net-work of air & water quality monitoring stations, assessment of pollution load and source apportionment studies, preparation and implementation of action plans for major cities & critically polluted areas.

**Loss of trees and forest due to Delhi Metro Railway**

2126. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees felled and cut down and the forest area cleared in connection with Delhi Metro Railway, area-wise;

(b) whether environmental clearance for the project had been obtained and the total estimated loss of trees and forest area involved;

(c) on what conditions clearance was given, if any; and

(d) the number of trees planted, transplanted or replanted to make good the loss, and replacement social forestry created or planned to be created in this context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) The Rail Base Transport System such as Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (DMRTS) do not require environmental clearance. Diversion of 0.38 ha. of forest land has been approved for the construction of diaphragm wall which involved felling of 310 trees. 9555 other trees have also been felled. In all 9865 trees were felled. The details are given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below)

(d) 1,07,500 saplings have been planted and 2839 trees have been transplanted.

***Statement***

*Loss of trees and forest due to Delhi Metro Railway*

Area wise details of trees felled

| Sr. No. | Area | Number of Trees felled |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Trinagar | 213 |
| 2 | Pritampura | 586 |
| 3 | Patel Road-Kirti Nagar Road | 765 |
| 4 | Kirti Nagar-Uttam Nagar | 845 |
| 5 | Uttam Nagar-Dwarka | 506 |
| 6 | Najafgarh Depot | 118 |
| 7 | Shahdra | 140 |
| 8 | Seelam Pur, Shastri Park etc. | 377 |
| 9 | Gautam Puri and Shastri Park | 199 |
| 10 | Shahdra | 1666 |
| 11 | ISBT Station Area | 45 |
| 12 | ISBT to Shahdra | 646 |

| Sr. No. | Area | Number of Trees felled |
|---|---|---|
| 13 | Tis Hazari, Tri Nagar | 95 |
| 14 | DO | 9 |
| 15 | Tis Hazari | 49 |
| 16 | Delhi main Old Secretariat etc. | 105 |
| 17 | Do | 87 |
| 18 | Do | 50 |
| 19 | Mall Road | 9 |
| 20 | Western Bank of Yamuna | 45 |
| 21 | Old Secretariat Delhi | 680 |
| 22 | Delhi main | 248 |
| 23 | Mall Road | 1 |
| 24 | Magazine Road | 2 |
| 25 | Old Secretarial and Cabinet Sectt. | 501 |
| 26 | Bank of Yamuna | 8 |
| | NS Metro Corridor, New Delhi | |
| 27 | Railways Station | 68 |
| 28 | Shyam Nath Marg | 2 |
| 29 | Mall Road | 9 |
| 30 | Shyam Nath Marg | 5 |
| 31 | Rajender Prasad Marg | 4 |
| 32 | Timar Pur Crossing | 31 |
| 33 | V.V. Station. Mall Road | 2 |
| 34 | Mall Road | 46 |
| 35 | Shyam Nath Marg | 11 |
| 36 | Bhavbhooti Marg | 1 |
| 37 | Delhi Vidhan Sabha | 46 |
| 38 | V.V. Station works | 10 |
| 39 | Khalsa College | 43 |
| 40 | Shyam Nath Marg, ISBT Park | 112 |
| 41 | Shyam Nath Marg | 13 |
| 42 | Mall Road | 2 |
| 43 | Mall Road | 22 |
| 44 | Mall Road | 47 |
| 45 | Janpath | 17 |
| 46 | Ajmeri Gate | 3 |
| 47 | Khyber Pass | 5 |

| Sr. No. | Area | Number of Trees felled |
|---|---|---|
| 48 | Connaught Place, Rafi Marg | 63 |
| 49 | Mall Road | 3 |
| 50 | Shahdra (makki sarai) | 11 |
| 51 | V. V. Station | 27 |
| 52 | Civil Lines | 2 |
| 53 | Mall Road | 8 |
| 54 | Mall Road | 20 |
| 55 | ISBT | 3 |
| 56 | Connaught Place. Pachkuian Road | 371 |
| 57 | Khyber Pass | 728 |
| 58 | Mall Road | 21 |
| 59 | S.N. Marg | 2 |
| 60 | I.P. College | 21 |
| 61 | Khalsa College | 17 |
| 62 | Khalsa College | 6 |
| 63 | ISBT | 57 |
| 64 | Khyber Pass | 11 |
| TOTAL | | 9865 |

**Legalizing wildlife products**

2127. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the owners of wildlife products can legalise the possession of these items under any amnesty provided by Government;

(b) if so, what are the complete details thereof with the name of wildlife products;

(c) whether Government have issued a notification on 18th April, 2003 laying down the rules for amnesty to declare and legalise wildlife products; and

(d) if so, the complete details of the notification and how many persons have legalised their wildlife products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. As